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SUBJ: FURTHER SOVIET COMMENT ON PARACELS

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1. WHILE SOVIETS WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO FLAY PRC OVER PARACELS, THEIR MAIN PROBLEM IS THAT THEY APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE ISLANDS AS CHINESE. MOSCOW 1321 DESCRIBES THE CRIMP THIS HAS PUT IN THEIR NONETHELESS MANFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EFFORTS TO PLAY UP THE CHINESE SEIZURE PUBLICLY.

2. NEW TIMES ARTICLE OF FEBRUARY 1 I\* LATEST EXAMPLE
OF VERBAL CONTORTIONS SOVIET PROPAGANDISTS ARE EM\*LOYING.
LIKE PREVIOUS PIECES ON SUBJECT, IT AVOIDS OWNERSHIP
QUESTION AND LEANS HEAVILY ON CITATIONS FROM FOREIGN
PRESS. THEME IS CHINESE AGRESSIVENESS MOTIVATED BY
DESIRE TO JOIN THE COMPETITION WITH CAPITALIST
MONOPOLIES FOR CONTROL OF OIL POTENTIAL OF ISLANDS.
NEW TIMES CONTRASTS CHINESE ACTION IN PARACELS WITH
PEKING'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS ESCHEWING DEMONSTRATIONS OF
FORCE AND PRETENSIONS OF HEGEMONY IN PACIFIC. "A NEW
DEMONSTRATION," ARTICLE CONCLUDES, "OF GREAT-POWER
CHAUVINIST ESSENCE OF MAOIST FOREIGN POLICY COURSE."
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